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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

OUR regulars in France resent the appellation of "Sammy" applied to them. They say the name is undignified and not at all impressive on the strange ear. Neither is "Tommy Atkins" of the British service who keeps on fighting and adding to his laurels every day of the war. Sammy is a name that has come to stay and stay it will in spite of all. The same protest was lodged against the rattling old war song of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" but Tipperary came to stay and stayed until it won its way to the hearts of the whole British army regardless of whether the members were Scotch, Irish, Welsh, Anzacs or Canadians. The jingle carried the song and it was too good to drop. There was no meaning to the rhyme and the words were a jumble of nothingness but still they came and held their own against the more cultured war songs of the long haired poets who tried to cut in on dress parade with a highbrow composition with which the soldiers would have nothing to do. Then there was the volleys chorus of "Hot Time In Old Town" immortalized by the boys in Cuba and the Philippines. The soldiers were told there was nothing to it, that the words were not of the class which would typify the higher culture of the American people. The volunteers and regulars were urged to cultivate a taste for the high pitched "Star Spangled Banner" but they could not see it that way. The national air was not suitable for marching and the droning sounds were not of an inspiring order or one that would enliven the tedium of a long dusty hike and consequently the boys all expressed a preference for "A Hot Time" and a "Hot Time" was established as the song of the American army that had the true martial ring. Take "Dixie" for instance, the uplift of that song was so appealing that even the boys in blue appropriated it to themselves when it was known from one end of the continent to the other that it was strictly a hymn of the rebellion. So it is with "Sammy" the name will stick and the people whose battles we are going to fight in Europe will learn to love and revere the jocular epithet which identifies every wearer with the United States of America and a son of the generous Uncle Samuel who is always ready to help the helpless and to protect the neglected.

VALUE OF THE RELAY RACE.

THE real issue back of this relay race is not patent to the average man who believes away down in his inner consciousness that the only merit possessed is the development of a sportsmanlike instinct for the purpose of giving automobile owners a chance to display their driving ability. While this has some attraction there rests in the background an objective that carries with it the nucleus of a project that will rival the old Roman roads in the permanency and stability of construction. The motive of the race is to establish the shortest feasible route for the transmission of government messages and, necessarily government equipment, in the event that war should be brought to our doors and ordinary means of transportation be suspended or crippled by the numerous demands for military service. Then the shortest and best appointed road between coast and coast would come in for its share of the surplus travel and in order to prepare for such a contingency the government is willing to do its share in sharing the cost of putting such roads in the highest state for carrying traffic. The only road that stands every test is the concrete or cement surfaced road where there is the least friction and the least resistance and the government is preparing to spend several million dollars just to begin the work of establishing permanent transportation lines from coast to coast. If it should be demonstrated that the shortest and best route is via the Midland Trail then it stands to reason that the Midland Trail will receive a share of the government appropriation for a permanent highway. Millions upon millions are spent annually on the roads of the United States only to see these same roads destroyed and wiped off the map with the first angry weather disturbance. Nevada has ample proof of the fallacy of putting money into roads that only endure between spring and fall freshets and our people can readily appreciate what a favor it would be to have a couple of hundreds of miles of cement surfaced trunk lines extending from the east to the west or from our northern to the southern gateways. That is the ultimate hope of these men who lent themselves and their cars and gave freely of their funds as a preliminary for the coming of the relay race. As owners of motor cars and many of them interested in motor haulage they know that the institution of substantial roads in this state would be an inestimable boon to business and industrial development.

The motorists of Southern Nevada have made a record that will compare favorably with the records of sections better situated in a more densely populated country where property values warrant the expenditure of large sums on boulevard construction but it is reasonably certain that none of the most favored districts will outshine the records established by the drivers who averaged 33 miles an hour over the natural roads between Ely and Goldfield, via Tonopah. The results would have been better had it not been for the fact that the season is the very reverse of favorable for rapid travelling over the desert as it is the meridian of cloudbursts when storm elements play havoc with physical conditions. Since the drivers succeeded in scoring such a high average the deduction is natural that this average would have been much better had the distance been negotiated at almost any other time than that following a long term of extremely hot weather which invited meteorological disturbances. Compare this with the first day's run between Washington and Staunton, Virginia, through the thickly settled country and the model roads of the extreme east where the initial drivers registered an average of less than 20 miles an hour and then you will have a clearer idea of the accomplishment of the Tonopah men who drove 212 miles in six hours and four minutes. They deserve honorable mention at least and the club whose burgee they flew in the course of their travels hopes to secure a section of the government cement surfaced road as soon as that construction is decided upon.

Uncle Sam is not going to stand for profit plucking employers sweating sewing woman in slop shops for three and four dollars a week when the government is paying for uniforms on a basis of \$12 and \$14 a week for the labor involved.

Peace proposals are coming so numerous and from so many different sources that it begins to look as though there must be fire where there is so much smoke.

It is satisfying anyway to know that this country is no worse than Spain which has had to declare martial law for the suppression of labor troubles.

WAR TIME TASKS KEEP MAN BUSY

LONDON, Aug. 15.—War time tasks have so burdened some of the town clerks that one, at least, has protested, asserting that he now works from 9 o'clock in the morning until 11 o'clock at night, and that if the authorities add to his already multifarious duties, he will have to go without sleep. In his protest he gives the following list of war time duties to which he already was required to attend:

National registration, wartime cookery demonstrations war hospitals food economy campaign, local flag days, national service, occasional baby weeks, communal kitchens, allotments, potato spraying, local coal supplies, maternity and child welfare, local distribution, separate allowances.

A proposal to require him to administer food supplies aroused his revolt.

BABY REPUBLIC IN DORSETSHIRE

DORSET, England, Aug. 15.—Down in Dorsetshire there has been established a "republic" called the "Little Commonwealth" which has its own coinage and which is used as a reformatory for youngsters from two years of age upward. The experiment has proved a success. The children sent down there from metropolitan police courts to reform earned eight to nine cents an hour out of which they paid \$2.75 a week for board and lodgings.

The republic has been recognized by the home office as a certified reformatory.

EASTERN MARKETS UNSETTLED

"The metal markets in the east are so unsettled that it is hard to find out anything definite in regard to any of the metals," said Frank M. Manson, manager of the Western Ore Purchasing company, who returned Saturday from New York City, says the Reno Gazette.

"All seem to think as I do that silver is going higher, possibly to a dollar. The copper market is very uncertain. I understand the government has let contracts for a large tonnage of copper and will pay 25 cents or better for the product. The cost of production has increased so much that it's hard to tell how the government's purchasing will affect the industry. At 20 cents many small producers would be forced out of business but at higher prices it might help the situation.

"Of course business is good all over the east in all lines of industry, but it is no better than in Nevada."

If the United States followed the German system of putting refractory soldiers in the front of every attack, this nation would not have to draw on any other organization than the I. W. W. to man its front.—Butte Miner.

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COOLNESS IN THE HOUR OF DANGER

PORTSMOUTH, England, Aug. 15.—As an example of coolness in danger, Admiral Sir Stanley Colville recently told of the conduct of the captain and lieutenant of a British submarine who, upon discovering that a floating mine had become attached to the submarine's rudder, calmly sat down to breakfast and while they ate evolved a successful plan for removing the mine. The submarine was proceeding through the Dardanelles when the discovery was made that it was towing a mine. The crew knew nothing of it until they were set at work relieving the submarine of its dangerous attachment.

SPECULATION IN SHIPPING SHARES

AMSTERDAM, August 15.—The Vienna correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt asserts that huge fortunes are being made on the Vienna bourse by speculation in shipping shares. These are being forced up by a group of Trieste financiers and, as an instance of the remarkable rise which has occurred, the correspondent says Austro-American shares which stood at \$40 in April, were quoted at \$150 in July, while those of other shipping companies are being quoted proportionately high.

LOVELOCK WOMAN DIES WHEN HUSBAND IS DRAFTED

The body of Mrs. Barbara E. Forbes of Lovelock, who died there last Saturday presumably from a nervous shock brought about by the fact that her husband was among those listed in the draft, arrived here last night. Her husband was selected among the first in the draft in Lovelock and passed the physical examinations. The nervous shock caused death.—Lovelock Review.

NUTRITION IMPROVING

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Nutrition of school children has been better since the beginning of the war than before, asserts the school medical officer of the London county council. Infectious diseases among school children decreased last year.

VISCOUNT ISHII

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arms" while the Japan anthem was played greeted the mission.

Lines of troops rode behind the automobiles which escorted the mission to the city hall while thousands of spectators crowded the sidewalks for a glimpse of the men coming on so momentous an errand.

Applause greeted each member of the mission as he was presented by the mayor to the people and bowed his acknowledgments but when Viscount Ishii made his declaration of allegiance and friendship it rose to a roar as the crowd caught the significance of his utterance and the viscount who had been reading in a moderate voice from his manuscript, continued in vigorous tones.

"This perhaps is neither the time nor the place for a detailed exposition of the plans and hopes which have inspired our mission," he said. "I repeat here Japan's pledge of allegiance for the cause for which the United States has thrown down the gauntlet.

"In this crisis of the world's affairs we are proud to call ourselves the allies of the great American republic and we are honored by your trust and good will.

"I can only add that this splendid demonstration at the very moment of placing our feet upon your hospitable shores fills our hearts with gratitude and inspires every member of this commission with the conviction that the objects of our visit to America are already guaranteed."

Preparations for the receiving of the mission by the municipal authorities went into the minutest detail even the streets selected for the line of march being sanded to prevent the mischance of a horse slipping.

FORMER PRESIDENT TAFT SHOWING RAPID IMPROVEMENT

CLAY CENTER, Kan., Aug. 15.—Former President William Howard Taft continues his rapid improvement from an attack of intestinal indigestion, according to his physician, who expected his patient would be able to leave today, providing no complications set in.

The man who believes that the country should support him rather than that it is his duty to support the government, is the same man in his home, who lets his wife support him.—Portland Oregonian.

No wonder there is agitation in Syracuse in favor of making it a dry town. It was a Syracuse youngster, 7 years old, that drank a quart of whisky without a chaser.—Rochester Democrat.

Just a little breeze from the Arctic ice would be most welcome.—Ansonia Sentinel.

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ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug. 15.—Five members of the minority socialist party of the German reichstag are reported to have given notice that they will ask the chancellor if he is aware the bread now being supplied to the German people is composed as follows: 24 per cent flour, 21 per cent lupine, 17 per cent chestnuts, 14 per cent acorns, 12 per cent bark of trees, 6 per cent wood shavings, 4 per cent potato peel, 2 per cent of a miscellaneous indefinable mixture.

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